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Letter dated 11 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I refer to the letter dated 19 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to you (S/2000/1110), containing allegations made by Iraq to the effect that on 25 October 2000, Kuwaiti forces committed acts of piracy and aggression, using the Kuwaiti craft *Faylakah* to seize an unnamed Iraqi vessel. I should like to inform you that the relevant authorities in Kuwait categorically deny these fabricated charges and stress that the allegations lack all credibility and are completely unfounded, being a misrepresentation of the facts employed by the Iraqi Government in order to create instability and tension in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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